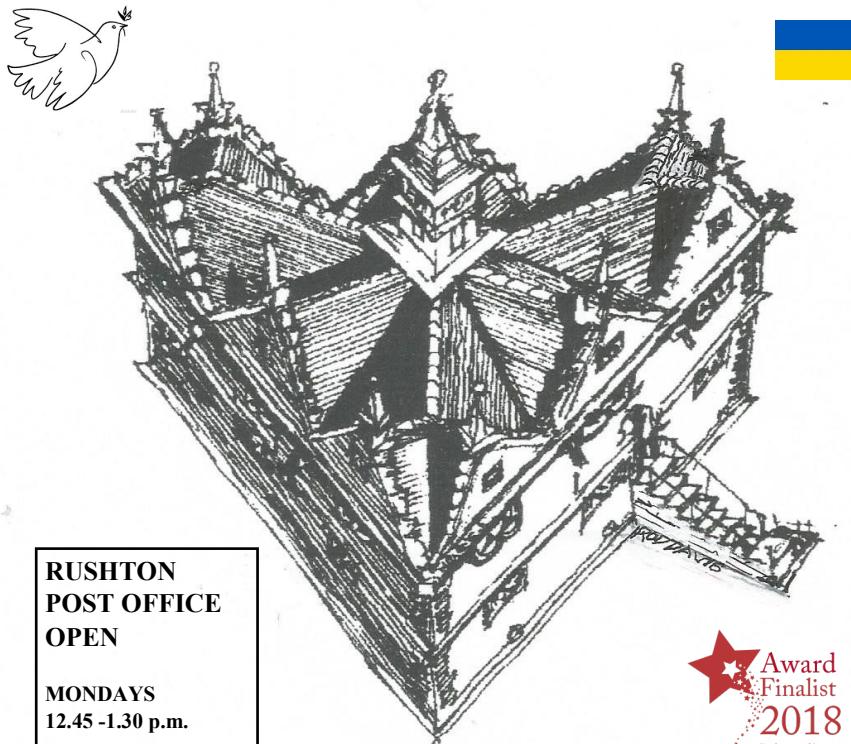


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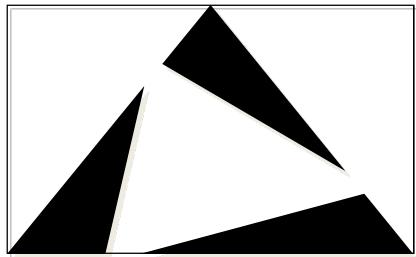
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January 2026



Have you noticed how some of our local roads are reducing in size? One very good example is the road to Newton and Geddington. The first part of the road is very good, because it leads to Camgrain. There are white lines, kerbstones and it is plenty wide enough for two vehicles. From that point, it is no longer the pleasant country lane that it once was, providing a safe route to the villages of Newton and Geddington. The verges are completely rutted, thus narrowing the road, so that in places, it is now almost single track. If a van or larger vehicle approaches from the opposite direction, you have to hold your breath and hope that your wing mirror stays intact, and that you are not going to be shoved into a rut, thus popping a tyre, which has happened to people on numerous occasions. It's bad in daylight, and even worse in the dark. The advent of bigger cars, GPS shortcuts, a huge increase in the number of vans racing to deliver parcels, and drivers who drive at 60 m.ph., whatever the conditions, just because it is technically legal to do so - they are all responsible for this motoring hell. The roads to Desborough and Rothwell fall into the same category. If you read the article on pages 14 and 15, you will see that Rushton Parish Council is trying to find a way to improve the problems that we have locally. Rushton has gone from being a quiet little village to a universal thoroughfare for motorists. Sign the petition and make your views known - it's a starting point. The number of cars is going to continue to increase - but our village and local roads are at the threshold of disaster now.

Happy New Year and safe journeys!

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the Post Office.**LETTERS AND RESPONSES**

Two letters of thanks this month.

First, from Brenda (Downing),

Thank you, Mike, and your many helpers for the Christmas lunch on 16th December, which was very much appreciated. Not only was I amongst friends from Rushton - for me personally, it was lovely to meet up with Ann Jones and talk about the Merry Comrades. How lucky we were to have her mother, Mrs. Atterbury, in arranging for Rushton children to meet at the Village School (no Village Hall in those days). We would go to the pantomime at Christmas in Northampton, after collecting Queen Victoria pennies and half-pennies. Anyone remember them? Thanks also to Steve from Desborough Indoor Bowls Club, for the superb buffet lunch, and thanks also to Deanne, the singer.

I am already looking forward to next year!

Brenda

Next, from Ann (Jones) this letter continues on page 5

On December 16th 2025, we lucky folk had the pleasure of a trip to Rushton Village hall for a buffet Christmas Party. We travelled in style in Rushton's Community Minibus, all friends of Rushton in party mood. Martyn picked us up in Rothwell and delivered us home

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3rd	93	Mr. and Mrs. Short



afterwards. When we arrived there was a warm welcome with free raffle tickets. The Hall was beautifully decorated with places laid out and lovely crackers. Food in abundance done by Steve. Mulled wine, tea and coffee also supplied. Entertainment from a lovely young Mum, who sang Christmas songs that you could join in with.

Mike was compere and willing hands were in abundance. Such a wonderful atmosphere enjoyed by all. We from Rothwell did well on the raffle. Looking forward to meeting again soon. Thank you so much for inviting us.

Yours sincerely

Ann Jones

A lovely
picture
from

13.12.2025



It's Movie Time at the Rushton Roxy Cinema



Downton Abbey The Grand Finale (PG)

Finally, it's here - the concluding chapter of the classic saga....

In the summer of 1930, the Crawley's grapple with the threat of social disgrace when Mary finds herself at the centre of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble.

Starring – Hugh Bonneville Jim Carter Michelle Dockery Paul Giamatti Elizabeth McGovern Penelope Wilton Laura Carmichael Brendan Coyle Allen Leech Phyllis Logan Raquel Cassidy Joanne Froggatt Lesley Nicol Robert James Collier

Saturday 24th January – 7:30pm

Doors Open at 7:00pm

Rushton Village Hall



Chapel Lane
Tickets £7.00 on the door

Mike B



Card or Mobile Payments Accepted



Coming Soon to Rushton

Roxy Cinema

Dates for your diaries

Dates & Films are subject to change

24th January 2026

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28th February 2026

JAY KELLY (12A)

Famous movie actor Jay Kelly and his devoted manager Ron embark on a whirlwind and unexpectedly profound journey through Europe. Along the way, both men are forced to confront the choices they've made, the relationships with their loved ones, and the legacies they'll leave behind.

Starring – George Clooney - Adam Sandler - Laura Dern



21st March 2026

THE CHORAL (12A)

Set in 1916, Ramsden, Yorkshire following the chorus master and most of the men of the ambitious local Choral Society, who have volunteered for the front. Under the direction of the demanding, Dr. Guthrie (Fiennes), the Choral recruits a crop of teenage boys and girls. Together they discover the joys of singing and the urgency of desire as the new boys come to terms with their imminent conscription into the army

Starring- Ralph Fiennes - Jim Broadbent and Simon Russell Beale.

The Final Film title for winter/spring 26 to be decided.

Saturday 18th April

For further information please see regular updates and details posted in the Triangle Magazine, on the Parish Notice Boards, Rushton Village News and Views and Rushton Village Support WhatsApp Group.

Doors Open at 7:00pm - Film

Starts at 07:30

Tickets £7.00 on the door

Rushton Village Hall

Chapel Lane



Miles B.

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at

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Mike B



Father Christmas at Rushton Village Hall

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas event to meet Father Christmas, which took place on Saturday, 13th December at Rushton Village Hall. Your presence made the occasion truly special, and we are delighted to share that the event was a great success, as reflected by the many wonderful compliments we have received.

As many of you can appreciate, organising such events requires a significant amount of effort and can, at times, be rather stressful, however all of that hard work becomes worthwhile when we see everyone enjoying themselves. The fantastic feedback and positive comments from those who attended make it clear that our collective efforts were appreciated and contributed to a memorable day for all involved.

A big thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out from his busy pre-Christmas schedule to come along and meet the children and spending time with them to find out who was Naughty or Nice. Father Christmas told me that all of the children were nice, have been good, and all received their presents on Christmas Eve.

A big thank you to all those who volunteered to organise, set up, and run this event, generously giving up their time to create a magical and memorable time for all the families.

Also a big thank you to :-

The Northamptonshire Community Foundation for their grant award
 Rushton Parish Council for a donation towards the funding of this event.
 The Rushton WI for serving teas, Coffees & Mince Pies throughout the day
 The Rushton Village Hall Trustees for supporting our event



Rushton Community Group

PS: Father Christmas will be returning to Rushton Village Hall on Saturday 12th December 2026!



Rushton Community Group



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Rushton Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th December

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Lunch on 16th December. Your presence and participation made the occasion truly special, and it was a pleasure to share this time with such a wonderful group of people.

Your support is greatly valued. Every contribution, whether it was through engaging in thoughtful conversation, helping with the arrangements, or simply joining in the festivities, helped to make this event a memorable one.

We are sincerely grateful for the warmth, kindness, and generosity shown by each and every one of you.

Your involvement made a significant difference, and we are fortunate to have such a caring community to celebrate with.

We would like to give special thanks to our volunteers, whose hard work and enthusiasm ensured that everything ran smoothly. From setting up the venue to helping with the clean-up, your dedication truly captured the Christmas spirit and made the event even more enjoyable for everyone.



Special thanks to

- Deeanne Dexeter – thank you for coming along to entertain us.
- Steves Foods – thank you for providing an excellent Christmas buffet and drinks.
- Elaine Warner - thank you for making the beautiful Christmas table decorations.
- The Northamptonshire Community Foundation – thank you for your grant award to support our Christmas events.
- Rushton Parish Council – thank you for your donation towards the funding of our Christmas events.
- The Rushton Village Hall Trustees – thank you for supporting our events.
- The Rushton Community Minibus and Volunteer driver Martyn Owen. Thank you for providing transport to those without personal vehicle access.



Also, congratulations to all those who won one of our excellent raffle prizes, particular to Jane Scouse who won the Farndon Fields donated hamper.



Rushton Community Group



All Saints' Church, Rushton - Altar Flowers 2026

January 4th/January 11th	Anne Abraham
January 18th/January 25th	Heather Pain
February 1st/8th and 15th	Rachel Boothman and Alison Hogg
February 18th/April 3rd	LENT - no flowers
April 5th (Easter Day)/April 12th	Margaret Mudditt
April 19th/April 26th	Elaine Phillips
May 3rd/May 10th	Rosemary Swan
May 17th/May 24th	Julie Cruickshank
May 31st/June 7th	Elaine Warner
June 14th/June 21st	Nicola Bryan
June 28th/July 5th	Margaret Mudditt
July 12th/July 19th	Amanda Frogley
July 26th/August 2nd	-
August 9th/August 16th	Diane Hefford
August 23rd/August 30th	Kathryn Croker
September 6th/September 13th	Jackie Hands
September 20th/September 27th	Beryl Wetherall
October 4th/October 11th	Joy Brightman
October 18th/October 25th	-
November 1st/ November 8th	Lesley Mundy
November 15th/November 22nd	Greta Larking
November 29th - Advent Sunday	Advent. No flowers until Christmas Day
December 25th - Christmas Day	The Hipwell family

Thank you for your contributions to the life of the church. We try to ensure that any special remembrances are acknowledged, but this is not always possible. We hope the dates we have allocated to you are suitable.

If you need access to the church to do the flowers, please contact Kevin and Anne on annemarya@btinternet.com or Beryl on 01536 712043.

Please note: If you are unable to do the flowers on the Sundays you have been allocated, please swap with someone.

Any problems, please contact Beryl, Kevin or Anne. Thank you.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

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Sunday 4th January

Christmas 2

10.00 a.m. Family Service

To be held in Rushton Village Hall

Sunday 11th January

Baptism of Christ - Epiphany 1

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday January 18th

Epiphany 2

9.15 a.m. Parish Communion

Sunday 25th January

Epiphany 3 Conversion of St. Paul

9.15 a.m. Parish Communion

at Pipewell



Web site-

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SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday 11th January

Isiah 42: 1-9 (Sharon Short)

Matthew 3: 13-end (Margaret Mudditt)

Sunday 18th January

Isiah 49: 1-7 (Jackie Hands)

John 1: 29-42 (Richard Phillips)

Sunday 25th January

Isiah 9:1-4 (Margaret Mudditt)

Matthew 4: 12-23 (Kevin Abraham)

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 4th/January 11th

Anne Abraham

January 18th/January 25th

Heather Pain

JANUARY FAMILY SERVICE

Our 10.00 a.m. family service on Sunday 4th January will be held in Rushton Village Hall. It will be our usual informal service, the only thing that is changing is the venue. Hope to see you there!



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Report on Road Issues in Rushton Parish

Dear Rushton Parishioners,

I have compiled a comprehensive report on the persistent and wide-ranging issues affecting the road network within Rushton Parish. These challenges have been repeatedly brought to attention by local residents and include the following:

- Increasing levels of traffic through the Parish
- Speeding Vehicles
- Potholes and deteriorating road surfaces
- Severe congestion at school times
- Inadequate or poorly sited road signs
- Overgrown Hedges and Grass Verges
- Flooding Due to Inadequate Drainage
- Poor Road Maintenance:
- Inadequate Street Lighting:
- Poor visibility at critical junctions and locations
- Insufficient street lighting
- Obstructive parking on pavements and roadways
- Lack of pedestrian safe walking routes
- Noise pollution from heavy vehicles and increased traffic

Although these problems differ in nature they are closely linked. Influencing factors such as driver behaviour, diverted traffic and mounting pressures from ongoing development are placing considerable strain on roads that were not originally built to cope with present-day traffic volumes.

Given the extent of these issues, I respectfully requested that the Parish Council formally recognise this document as an accurate record of the current road-related challenges facing Rushton Parish. Furthermore, I propose that the report be submitted to North Northamptonshire Council and other relevant stakeholders. The Parish council unanimously agreed to

support this initiative. The intended outcome is to encourage meaningful action to address and resolve the difficulties currently impacting our community.

This report is also created to assist efforts to prevent further growth in commuting traffic through Rushton Parish, a trend fuelled by both current and future housing and commercial developments.

The report will be published on the Rushton Parish Council's website for public review in January. The document is intended to be a current record regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any changes or newly emerging issues within the parish.

During the Parish Council meeting in July two residents from High Street, Rushton attended, and expressed their concerns about speeding vehicles, dangerous driving, and poor parking in their area, a common theme in our community, It was recommended that organising a petition signed by local residents and submitting it directly to Northamptonshire Council would be the most effective way to achieve results.

In response to these ongoing concerns and considering all the issues included in the report I have prepared a petition as a parishioner. The petition specifically refers to each of the problems outlined above and aims to collect signatures from fellow parishioners. Once sufficient support is gathered the petition will be submitted to Northamptonshire Council. This effort is intended to complement the Parish Council's submission and highlight our (the parishioners of Rushton Parish) collective frustration with the worsening state of the road network.

We are fortunate to have a number of willing volunteers who have agreed to take the petition door to door to gather signatures. If any other parishioners wish to assist with this important initiative, your participation would be greatly appreciated.

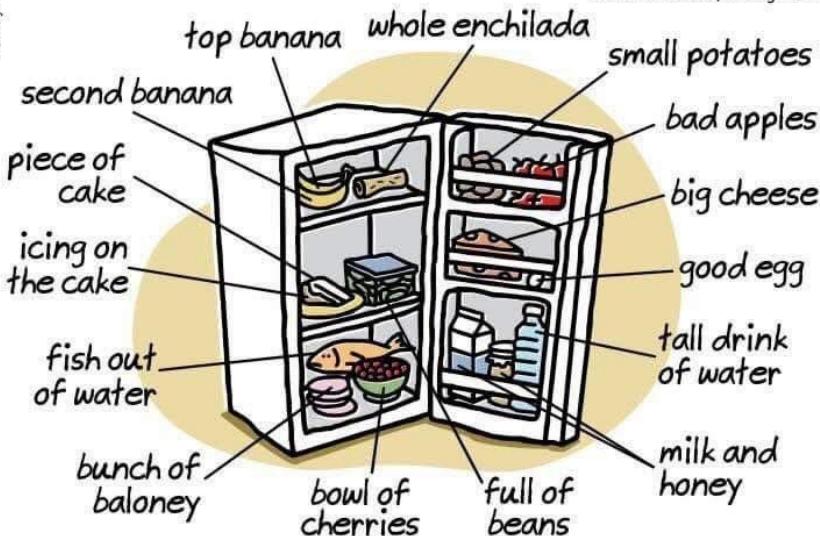
Kind regards,

Mike Brightman

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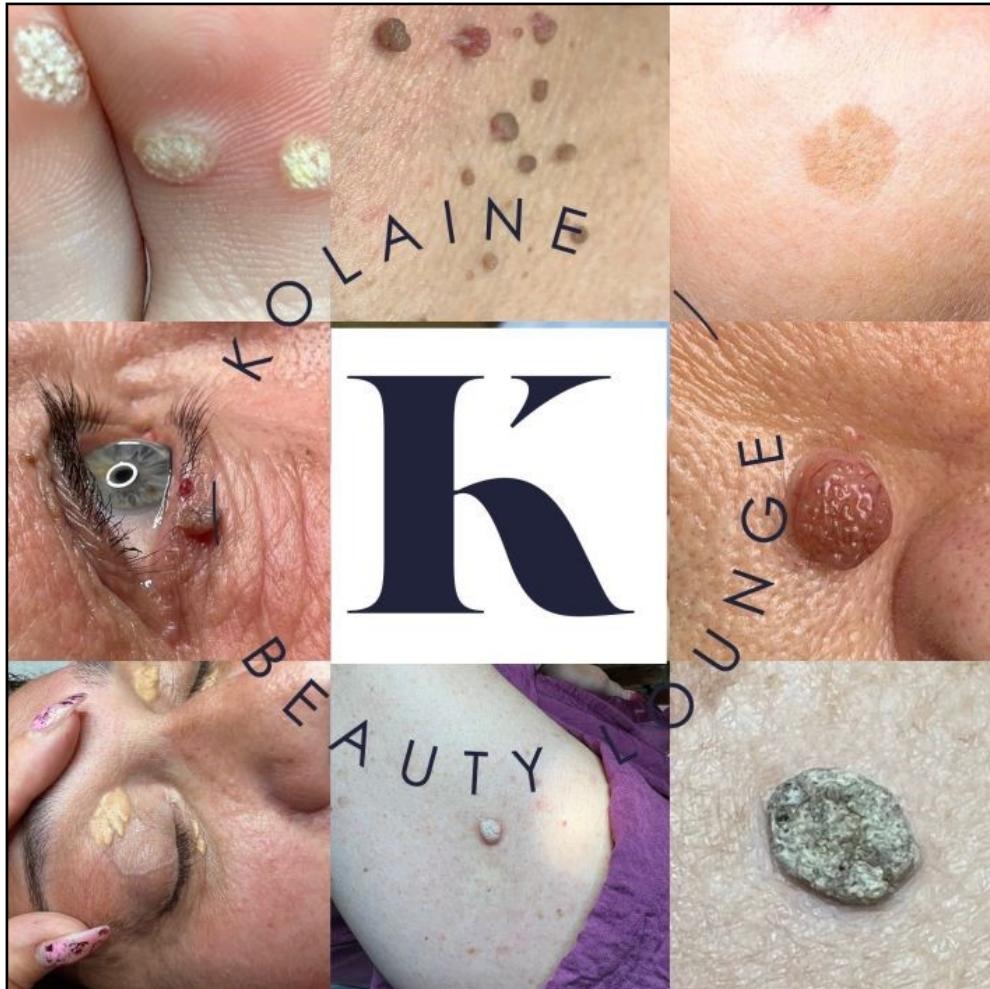
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RUSHTON POCKET PARK

A Happy New Year to everyone in Rushton, and to all those who visit or help to maintain this natural haven. It will not be long before the snowdrops start to flower, so it's worth braving the cold and rather dreary weather to visit the Pocket Park. There will be catkins too, and everywhere you look, there are early signs of life.

Once again, we have the intelligentsia of the pheasant and partridge population! Among birds of little brain, these Darwinian exemplars seem to know that it is safe, and that they will live to fight another day!

The new season is beginning - it is the ideal time to prune the hedges, tidy up and observe how birds and insects make their way throughout the winter months. We have large populations of blue tits, who skitter round collecting tiny morsels of food, which hide beneath the winter foliage and brushwood. They frequently adjourn to neighbouring gardens to find a drink or have a bath. This is essential for their survival. Occasionally, a drift of long-tailed tits tweet their way through - such delightful little birds. There are also wrens, robins, sparrows and a kite is often to be seen wheeling overhead. We won't mention the sp....wh..k, which whips through to pick up a takeaway lunch from time to time. Nature is brutal!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Last month's image depicting the Sunday School nativity scene generated quite a bit of discussion as to who some of those in the photograph were. Thanks go to Diane Hefford who was able to identify Betty Shearman in the back row. Betty was very active in many organisations in the village. She died in December 1990.

Before the internet, and the many social platforms that modern communication offers, it was normal to send postcards to friends and relatives—especially if you were on holiday. Even sunny Rushton had its own set of postcards, which were available to purchase.

Below is one I came across at a collectables' sale in Northampton.

Sent from Rushton, in 1905, by Flo to her friend Miss Baines in Swansea.

Kevin J Abraham



What's on in Rushton Village Hall January 2025 –December 2026

Day	Activity	Time	Week	Contact	Telephone No
Monday	Post Office	12.45-1.30pm	Weekly	Rajan Patel	07738 464808
	Pilates Pilates	6.15-7.00pm 7.00-8.00pm	Weekly Weekly	Martine Henderson	07545 084327
Tuesday	Yoga for all.	09.45-11.00am	Weekly	Angela Folwell	07981 049389
	Kettering Tai Chi	5.45-7.15pm	Weekly	Paul Bassinder	07823 772554
Wednesday	Community Coffee Rushton Village WI. Rushton Village WI.	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30pm 7.15-9.15pm	2 nd week in the month 4 th week in the month 2 nd week in the month – Ordinary	Mike Brightman Sue Parker Sue Parker	07850 236833 01536 506961 01536 506961
	Rushton Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	3 rd Wednesday bi-monthly from January.	Parish Clerk	clerk@rushtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
	Trefoil Guild God Squad	7-9pm 3.30-4.30 pm	1 st Wednesday of the month 2 nd Wednesday of the month	Gillian Joy Amanda Frogley	07792 000297 01536 510994
Thursday	Private Hiring	10.00-12.00	Weekly		
Friday					
Saturday	Film Nights	7.00pm	8 th November 2025, 24 th January, 28 th February, 21 st March, 18 th April 2026	Mike Brightman or Heather Pain	See bottom of page for contact numbers
Sunday	Afternoon Tea & cakes	2.30 to 4.30pm	Every 3 rd Sunday of Month from May 2026 up to and including 20th Sept 2026	Heather Pain or Toni Orwin	See bottom of page for contact numbers

07777 752266.

To book the hall for meetings, private parties, clubs etc, please contact via RushtonVH@outlook.com or 07777 752266.
Room Hire is currently £10.00 per hour between 7am and 7pm and £15.00 between 7pm to 11pm.

RUSHTON VILLAGE W.I.

Our WI year ended very well with a delicious meal at Desborough Indoor Bowls Club with catering by Steve's Food. Our meal was accompanied by much laughter and a little singing.

Our programme for 2026 is very varied, as you can see.

We meet at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall.

January 14 th	Indian Traditions: Jigna Madlani
February 11 th	The History of Neal's Yard Organic Remedies: Natalie & Dee
March 11 th	AGM Plus
April 8 th	Quiz & Resolutions
May 13 th	Forensic Collision Investigation: Keith Millard
June 10 th	Outing to Coton Manor Gardens
July 8 th	Silver Swans: Gayna Brown
August 12 th	Zentangle: Amanda Frogley
September 9 th	Basic Emergency Life Support: North Northants First Responders
October 14 th	The Gunpowder Plot: Philip Yorke
November 11 th	Christmas Food Tasting
December 9 th	Christmas Celebrations

We have many interesting and informative meetings which I thoroughly enjoy, but the best thing about WI for me, and I think for many of our members, is the friendship and fun we all share.

If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome.



POINT TO PONDER FOR JANUARY 2026

Tom Stoppard, our recently departed and much-loved playwright, once wrote “a truth is always a compound of two half-truths, and you can never reach it, because there is always something more to say.” That is a truism to take to heart as we begin another new year in our existence and in the universe. Many of the journeys we take in life are familiar, but some will be new. That is why there must be space in our hearts and lives for experiences to be expanded, knowledge to be deepened, and love to be challenged as we live out our days. We may think we may know all the answers to life’s problems, but truth has many ways to help us fulfil our humanity and our dignity. As St Paul writes “for now we see in a mirror, dimly.” (I Corinthians 13:13) There needs to be an honest admission in our hearts that we should approach the future with a generous magnanimity in our attitudes. As Jesus says to his disciples “unless you become as little children you will never see the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 18:3) Are we going to be content with half-truths or real solutions? There is plenty of room in our thinking for ideas to take root and develop on how to improve our humanity for the betterment of all. With magnanimity we can develop the strength to refuse to be petty-minded and self-centred about the things that challenge us and our world. There are many compelling causes that cry out for our support. There is also plenty of time to have an honest candour about the mistakes made by the authorities and ask some tough questions about decisions made in our name.” We owe this hope to our wonderful universe, our human integrity and as stewards of God’s creation. As the Psalmist describes our status as seen through God’s eyes “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, and mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.” (Psalm 8 :4-6) As Tom Stoppard reminds us in his definition of truth, we are all only halfway there. However, we can work out the fulness of truth in experience and in living. Wisdom is found in the way we treat one another, and knowledge will come into its own when we look at the world as God sees it. The fulness of life will be achieved and the virtues of kindness and honesty and happiness will be ours when we care for those God has placed into the circle of our care and concern. The truth we all seek to follow, and which gives us peace, lies within ourselves. That is why we must wish one another “a happy new year! “

Revd George Burgon





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Friday – 2nd 9th 16th 23rd & 30th @
Pick up in Rushton at 10:00



Wednesday – 7th @ 10:30



Wednesday – 21st @ 10:30

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